

The Office Action states that a supplemental declaration is required to cover errors corrected by the claim changes which have been made since the previous supplemental declaration was filed. Claims 1-42, 56-67, 69, 73-100, and 102-106 were rejected as being based on a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. § 251, for the same reasoning. The Office Action states that those claims would be allowed if a proper supplemental reissue declaration were to be filed.

Attached hereto is a Supplemental Reissue Declaration For Reissue Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.175). The Supplemental Reissue Declaration is believed to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.175. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the foregoing rejection. All of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

An Information Disclosure Statement (copy enclosed with copy of return postcard) was filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on May 22, 2003. However, Applicants have not yet received confirmation that the Information Disclosure Statement has been considered and made of record in this application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider that Information Disclosure Statement and issue written confirmation thereof.

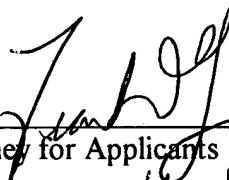
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present reissue application.

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